Cut Motion No. 7.

Necessity for a Dispensary at Pattikkad.

*Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* This is *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 34,466 for Dental Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons by Re. 1.* This is to bring to the notice of the Government *the necessity for a dispensary at Pattikad.* There is already a rural dispensary there. It is a very malarial tract and the people of that locality are very poor. I request that some arrangement might be made for at least 3 to 4 beds. A dispensary may be constructed and arrangements made for the treatment of 3 to 4 persons as in-patients. It is only for this that I have tabled this motion.

Mr. V. K. Krishnankutty *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* I beg to second it.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Is there not a Medical Officer there?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Yes. There is already a rural dispensary.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* Is it a seat of malaria?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi):* Yes. It is.

Dr. D. Raghavendra Rao *(Chief Medical Officer):* As I said this morning, when once a rural dispensary is started, the next stage is that it should be converted into a regular dispensary. At present the expenditure on this dispensary is about a thousand rupees, and if is to be converted into a regular dispensary, it would cause an additional expenditure of Rs. 4,000. Because, then, instead of paying the medical officer an allowance as it is done now, we shall have to keep a regular establishment, namely, a medical man, ward attendants, etc. An initial expenditure of about 5,000 or 6,000 rupees for buildings and equipments including land acquisition will be required. So to solve the problem in a practical way what has been done in that place is, unlike in other places, as it is a malarial place, if the Medical Officer wants more quinine and other things necessary, they are freely given to him. I do not think it will be possible to convert the rural dispensary into a regular dispensary especially in view of the fact that the means of communication from Pattikkad to Trichur is very easy—it is only 6 miles—and especially because Government is spending a lot of money in improving the accommodation in the Trichur Hospital. I think the hon'ble member will see the practicability of the question whether it is not better to spend more money in improving a central hospital than to fitter away money in different places in institutions which are not useful. I leave it to the sense of the House.

*Speech not corrected by the hon'ble member.

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*Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Before I formally withdraw the motion, I wish only to say that it is not for a big dispensary of the type that the Hon'ble Member for Medicine said that I wanted to move by this motion. I do not want a paid doctor there. Some arrangement for at least 3—4 patients may be made; a house may be rented for the purpose. With an additional expenditure of not more than Rs. 500, I think, it would be possible to provide for this. There is already a doctor.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Should there not be somebody to look after the doctor?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: That also is necessary. But he is not a paid doctor.

Dr. A. R. Menon *(Minister for Rural Development)*: What about diet?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: Diet also should be given. After all the cost per head comes to only 0—1—4. That is a very small item.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: Who is the present doctor at Pattikkad?

Chairman: That does not arise here.

The motion was, by leave, withdrawan.

Cut Motion No. 8.

Sanatorium for the Tuberculosis patients of the State.

Chairman: The motion of Mr. Warriar consists of 2 parts namely (1) to start a hospital and (2) to have it at Ramavarmapuram. I would advise the member to press upon the Government the necessity of a Tuberculosis Hospital in this State.

Mr. M. K. Devassy *(Adur)*: I would invite the attention of the chair to cut motion No. 6, *to request the Government to start a sanatorium for the Tuberculosis patients of the State at a suitable place.*

Chairman: Cut motion No. 6 is to request the Government to start a sanatorium for the Tuberculosis patients of the State at a suitable place. We shall discuss these two motions together, and treat Motion No. 6 as the substantial motion.

*Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar *(Cheruthuruthi)*: I move *to reduce the allotment of Rs. 34,466 for hospitals, Dental Surgeons and Assistant Surgeons by Re. 1.* It is *to request the Government to start a Tuberculosis hospital in Ramavarmapuram.* In discussing this motion I shall, Sir, bear in mind the suggestions made by

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